



CITY OF COTTONWOOD

STORMWATER POLICY
STAFF TRAINING
SESSION

PURPOSE

- “...to limit, to the maximum extent practicable, the discharge of pollutants from the Cottonwood storm drain system.”
- To fulfill the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Arizona Storm Water Regulations.

Basic Summary

- “...no person shall cause, participate in, or allow the discharge to a public right-of-way or public storm drain system of any substance that is not composed entirely of stormwater.”



PROHIBITED DISCHARGES

- Source of Pollutants
- Soil, Rock, Trash, Garbage and Other Waste
- Maintaining, establishing, or using a connection that allows a discharge?
- Commercial Car Washing, Mobile Car Washing, or Impervious Surface Pressure Washing Operations
- Concrete Washing
- Oils, Fuels, Paints, Greases (Including Restaurant Grease Traps)
- Grit and Sand from Grinding
- Carpet Cleaning
- Chlorinated Water from Spas, Swimming Pools and Similar Facilities
- Misrepresentation of the Nature of Discharge on an Application, a Plan, Permit, or Certification.
- Discharge Not Disclosed on an Application, Plan, Permit or Certification
- Wastewater as Defined in Cottonwood City Code Chapter 13.12 and this Chapter.
- Continuing a Discharge that has not been Permitted by the City of Cottonwood

NO GRANDFATHER CLAUSE

- “The prohibition regarding illicit discharge includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of construction.”

PERMITTED DISCHARGES

- Water Line Flushing
- Landscape Irrigation, Lawn Watering and Irrigation Water
- Diverted Stream Flows
- Rising Ground Waters and Springs
- Uncontaminated Ground Water Infiltration
- Uncontaminated Pumped Ground Water
- Potable Water Sources
- Foundation and Footing Drains
- Air Conditioning Condensate
- Crawl space pumps
- Individual Residential Car Washing
- Non-commercial Charity Car Washes
- Riparian Habitats and Wet lands
- De-Chlorinated swimming pools and spas
- Street Wash water
- Fire fighting Activities
- Building Washing and Auto Rinsing without added Cleaning Products

—The City will also allow Discharges under ADEQ's General Permit

NEW DEVELOPMENT

- The Inspection of New Development will be handled by the engineering department during plan review and site inspection.
- **For new projects measures to remove or prevent illicit discharge must remain in place both during and after construction.**
- “It shall be the responsibility of the person discharging to demonstrate through testing, records, plans, and other documents that the discharge is allowable under this Chapter. The City may require such demonstration for any facility connected to the MS4 directly or indirectly.”



WATERCOURSE PROTECTION

- “Every person owning property through which a watercourse passes ... shall keep and maintain that part of the watercourse within the property free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation, and other obstacles that would pollute, contaminate, or significantly retard the flow of water through the watercourse.”



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- If you observe the an illicit discharge you should notify the City Engineer of the location, type of discharge and preferably the responsible person for the site.

QUESTIONS?